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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

Chengcai Chu et al.

APPLICATION NO: 09/581,036

EXAMINER: Kallis, Russell

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one-month to March 6, 2003 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 136(a). Accordingly, please charge Applicant's Credit Card in the amount of \$110.00 for this Petition. A Credit Card Payment Form is enclosed for fee purposes.